

REMARKS

Consideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested. Claims 1-16 have been cancelled and new claims 17-45 have been added to more distinctly claim the present invention. Claims 17-45 are presented for examination. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance.

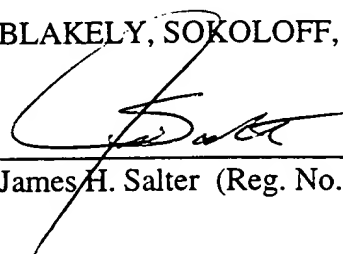
An Information Disclosure Statement accompanies this Preliminary Amendment. Applicant respectfully submits that none of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement anticipate or render obvious the claims of the present application.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact James H. Salter at (408) 720-8598.

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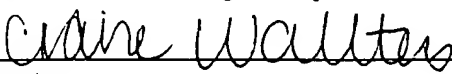
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